

MINUTES EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

April 16, 2007

Wayne Township Fire Department Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

Members Present:

Steve Garrison	Ed O'Farrell
Ron Parsons	Hugh Garner
Tina Butt	Rita Herrington
Suzan Henke	John Zartman
Steve Grammer	Lindi Holt

Staff:

Sam Steinhilber	Tony Pagano
Robin Stump	Bill Null
Becky Blagrove	

Guests:

Chuck Ford, Wishard Hosp, Indpls
Adele Russell, Sullivan Co EMS, Sullivan
Dr Tom Dagney, Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes
Myron Mackey, Knox Co EMS, EMS Commission, Bicknell
Hugh Bain, St Vincent Hospital, Indpls
Debra Taylor, St Vincent Hospital, Indpls
Matt Shady, Well Co EMS, Bluffton
Terri Hamilton, Community Hospital, Indpls
Kerry Hershberger, St Joseph Med Center, South Bend
Jacqueline Schmitt, Ohio Twp Fire Dept, Newburgh
Leon Bell, Wishard Hospital, Indpls

There was a work group that met from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM to work on revising the EMS practical examination sheets.

Chairman O'Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM. Mr. O'Farrell said that in preparation for the task of reevaluating all levels of EMS education in Indiana two speakers have been invited to share their views on where education needs to go in this State.

Dr. Tom Dagney, Medical Director from Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, also a former paramedic and instructor, gave his views on the main problems with teaching EMS today. Among other things, Dr. Dagney said that as a whole instructors do a poor job of teaching skills and use teaching assistants that have no idea on how to teach skills. He proposes a course be set up on how to teach skills. He also believes that instructors should encourage more feedback from their students.

Steve Grammer was the next speaker. Steve teaches at Ivy Tech State College in Fort Wayne. He shared his views on some of the problems with EMS education and the limits teaching in a community college environment places on it.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM